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CITY COMMISSION

Cell phone ban might clash with state law

Lauren Garrison, Caitlyn Mason, Jennifer Whalen | COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission met yesterday evening in City Hall. The commission met to discuss two items on the general agenda, and to approve several items on the consent agenda.

Each of the 10 items on the consent agenda were approved by the commission, except one which would call for the incorporation of changes to the Unlawful Assembly Ordinance and the Disorderly House Nuisance Ordinance.

The changes would put more responsibility on the property owners to control the nuisance activities happening on their properties that are being caused by ten-

Two landlords spoke before the commission about their concerns with these ordinances.

Richard Hall, one of the landlords, said he didn't feel that the owners of the properties should be punished for the actions of the tenants.

The commission decided not to agree to the changes until the ordinances were better modified.

The commission then moved to the general agenda, and began with the discussion of a law banning cellphone usage while driving. Currently, no city in Kansas has regulated cellphone use by drivers.

Every year, the commission receives the most recent version of the Standard Traffic Ordinance which is published by the League of Kansas Municipalities. The STO is read and usually agreed to and published for the public with very little change.

This year the commission has discussed the addition of a cellphone ban within the city. The city had two previous work sessions to discuss and review the ordinance.

The issue the commissioners faced was whether or not the state is going to pass a law banning cellphone use, and if so, whether or not it will interfere with or make the new city ordinance obsolete.

The current state law restricts cellphones for specific drivers, such as novice or permit drivers. If the law is passed, the city would have to change the ordinance to adhere to the law.

"I have zero confidence, zero, that the state will adopt the law." said Mayor Bob

Assistant City Attorney Katherine Jackson brought forth two options that said either the commission could adopt an ordinance to regulate the use of cellphones while driving now or wait to see what the state will decide to adopt.

The commission agreed to add an amendment stating that beginning July 1, 2010, cellphone use while driving will be banned in the city of Manhattan. If or when the state decides to ban text messaging, the city will make the necessary changes to be consistent without having to revoke the already stated law.

Commissioner Jim Sherow said he felt more concern for keeping the community safe while driving than the extra cost of having to take down signs when the state decides to change the laws.

RCPD Chief Brad Schoen

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Behind Closed Doors

Unrest, unconstitutionality plague SGA

Danny Davis, Jason Strachman Miller | COLLEGIAN

In an attempt to overhaul the election commissioner position, the senate approved two bills later deemed unconstitutional by the student tri-bunal. Students currently registering campaigns for Student Body President are registering under these unconstitutional guidelines.

The student tribunal ruled that the new commissioner's roles were unconstitutional. The first bill removed the election commissioner's oversight committee and the removal of the commissioner was inconsistent with Article XII 1301, which states the commissioner must be impeached in order to be removed from office. This was defined in Bill 09/10/05.

Under the second bill, the tribunal ruled the "position and duties of the elections commissioner will interfere with the students' rights," specifically "the right of the students to a 'fair process' and 'fair hearing." The ruling further states, "the elections commissioner is then acting as the investigator, along with sitting in judgment ... The elections commissioner is not a judicial member ... The elections commissioner's duty ... violates all of Article VI Section 7.A.10 of the SGA By-

laws." These were the duties outlined in Bill 09/10/13.

The aim of the bills was to revise the elections commissioner position, said Student **Body President** Dalton Henry. "They want-

ed to try and streamline the process," Henry said. "The

concern was that if you had an appeal it would take too long, and our elections happen very quickly, so this was a move to shorten that process."

Work began on the changes at the beginning of the fall semester and the first version of the bills were introduced to the SGA Student Senate in September.



They did not pass the senate in September and were referred to the Senate Operations Committee. When they were reintroduced in October, the bills passed, however after changes were made in com-

From the beginning, the bills came under scrutiny for potentially being unconstitutional.

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Senator Doug Shane

JUNIOR, ANIMAL SCIENCE

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"From a senator's perspective and a stu-

dent's perspective, when the changes were first being proposed in the senate I thought they were unconstitutional and I was opposed to them the senate," said Senator Doug Shane, junior majoring in anscience. "I've been op-

posed to what I've seen as corruption and what've I've seen as generally just dishonest things and [last year's] elections were."

Several senators fought against the bills and challenged the constitutionally of them, Shane said. Shane attended one of the committee's meetings when the bills were being debated, he said.

He argued that the five member elections commission would have less chance of bias than the proposed changes that consolidated power into one position, the Commission-

Shane also said when he asked legitimate questions about the constitutionality of the bills on the senate floor, he received at least one response that was more mockery than serious. Other senators, Shane said, were silenced and ignored by senators and the committee.

"Frankly, I think there are senators in SGA who don't give a damn and are more concerned with their own self interests rather than the stu-dents;" he said. "Not only was it unconstitutional, it went against reason."

Soon after the debate stirred, both Attorney General Adam Tank and Speaker of the Senate Amy Schultz's names were removed as authors of the bill, said Senator George Weston.

"I don't think I need my name on a piece of legislation," Speaker Schultz said. " I think the actions in the senate body as well as hours working on the bill speak for themselves. I don't think anybody in the room doubted I supported it."

Senate Operations Com-

mittee Chair Joe Norris co-sponsored the bill, but during the senate debate he routinely had to turn the floor over to Schultz to answer senator questions. Schultz said this was done to help gain different perspectives on the bill. Shane said that it was unusual for an author of the bill to do that, especially the chair of a committee. Multiple senators who wished to remain anonymous discussing senatorial procedure stated it is rare for a co-author to seek so much guidance on a bill their name

The revised bills passed the senate and were signed into law by Student Body President Dalton Henry. Senator Weston said Hen-

ry and Schultz did not seek a request for constitutional interpretation from the Student Tribunal, so after the bill was signed Weston initiated a petition to the student tribunal to do so.

In a document dated Dec. 14, the tribunal, led by Chancellor Catelyn Kostbar, found both bill 5 and 13, unconstitutional for improper removal process and not being in the "best interest of the Kansas State University Student Governing Association."

Henry said he was unaware

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Shane, West launch campaign for student body president

Editor's Note: Several campaigns for Student Body President and Vice President for the 2010-2011 school year began at the end of January. The Collegian traditionally profiles each campaign as students announce their candidacy.

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

This year, Doug Shane, junior in animal science, and Brandon West, sophomore in political science, have announced their candidacy

The Shane/West campaign is running under the platform of "your money, your opinion, your security." Each tenant of their platform falls underneath one of those philosophies.

Their media relations manager, Marshall Frey, sophomore in construction and management, said one of the goals of a Shane/West administration would be to implement a tuition information system. The system would break down where tuition dollars are spent, Shane said.

"It would be the start of real, penny-forpenny transparency," Shane said. "A lot of students are asking how their tuition is spent."

Shane said the system would make it easier to address sustainability problems.

Money from tuition goes toward keeping the buildings on campus up-to-date. There are issues, however, where the sustainability of buildings can be improved.

An example given was that there is a high percentage of buildings on campus that don't meet fire codes, said Shane. Their system



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN Doug Shane, junior in animal science, and Brandon

West, sophomore in political science, will be running mates in the upcoming student elections.

would provide a way of analyzing where the money is being spent, he said.

Under the "your opinion" part of their platform, Shane and West want to create a student polling system.

"We want the ability to ask the student body and be there for them," Shane said. "Students who really care would have the opportunity to have their voices heard [in Student Senate]."

The running-mates also have a goal for security. They would like to devise a clear weapons policy, Shane said. He said he made over 20 calls last year and could not receive clarification on the use of pepper spray, Mace and

"I've heard so many stories about girls being raped," Shane said. "It breaks my heart and I want to make sure they can protect them-

Additionally, they want to form education classes for international students, especially women who are unaware of dangerous situations they may face with men, West said. They want to make sure the women understand the dangers that are associated with college and the United States, Shane said.

Shane is currently a representative for the College of Agriculture in the Student Governing Association Student Senate.

West was an active solider with the United States Army and served several years in the Middle East. He was named 'Top Soldier of the 1st Army Division' and decided to leave after his high point and seek an education, he

West ran for vice-president under the Rickford/West campaign in last year's elections. The campaign, however, was unsuccessful. According to the campaign Web site, shanewest10. com, that would not deter him from having an opportunity to serve the student body.

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THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Lafene Health Center presents Ask the Dietitian, with its registered dietitian at the K-State Student Union Food Court 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Feb. 3.

Career and Employment Services presents Walk-in Wednesday from noon - 4 p.m. in Holtz Hall.

The entry deadline for intramural free throw and wristwrestling is Feb. 4, by 5 p.m. For more information, go online to recservices.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6980.

Applications for Student Alumni Board are due at the K-State Alumni Center by 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Applications are available at the Alumni Center or online at www.k-state.com/

Information Technology As-

sistance Center will be presenting the following orientations. The events are open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration required. -IT Orientation: The Magic Behind the Curtain — The Educational Communications Center will be held from 2 - 3 p.m. Feb. 11 in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: IT Training will be held from 2-3 p.m. Feb. 17 in Hale Library room 401B.

-IT Orientation: Computing at K-State will be held from 2-3 p.m. Feb. 23 in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: Library Technology will be held from 10-11 a.m. March 4 in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: Emerging Technologies will be held from 10 -11 a.m. March 10- in Hale Library room 401B.

Rec Services is offering two dance programs — Hip Hop Dance and Just Dance. Each program is 5 weeks, offered in several levels of difficulty and begins Feb. 8. Sign up in the office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For class descriptions and fees, go online to recservices.k-state.edu.

Rec Services offers nutritional analysis and consultations. Sign up for a one-hour appointment. Register in the office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For fees and more information, go online to recservices.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6980.

The Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship hosts its second annual "The Next Big Thing Competition," and \$12,000 in cash prizes for entrepreneurial ideas will be offered. Orientation is Thursday in Union 212. All students are encouraged to participate. More information can be found at k-state.edu/entrepreneurship.

Applications for National Student Exchange for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 are due by March 1. For more information, contact Kari Nap in the Office of Admissions at karinap@k-state. edu or go to nse.org.

SafeZone will hold Relationship Workshop Part II, which will deal with enhancing relationships. This workshop is from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday and is open to all members of the K-State community. Register at k-state.edu/safezone by clicking on trainings offered.

following sessions. The series is open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration is not required. All sessions are from 1:30-2:30 and held in 501 Hale Library except for the one on Feb. 25, which will be held in 301A Hale. -Thursday - Windows 7 -Feb. 11 - Yolink Search -Feb. 18 - Time to Talk - This presentation focuses on new Web 2.0 tools.

-Feb. 25 - Uses of WordPress

The TechBytes series is offering the

-March 4 - Twitter Tools -March 11 - Zimbra Calendar -March 25 - Google Wave

Don't miss Extreme Fitness on Sunday from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Peters Recreation Complex. This is not a beginner's program. Rec Services personal trainers offers this free workshop for individuals looking for a full body workout challenge. It is limited to 20 participants and participants must be 18 years or older and be a K-State student or facility member. Sign up in the administrative office. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Rec Services personal trainers present a series of free workshops called Muscle Focus from 2-3 p.m. on Saturdays. These free workshops are for men and women. Each workshop targets a different muscle group. Sign up for these free workshops at the weight room attendant desk. Saturday will focus on chest and abdominals. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Mortar Board, Inc. is accepting applications. Access the application at *k-state.edu/mortarboard* and submit to 107 Leadership Studies Building, second floor reception area by Feb. 19. Mortar Board members will be available in the Union Febuary 16, 17, and 18 to answer questions and to celebrate National Mortar Board Week (Feb. 15-19).

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DAILY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

MONDAY

Jared Scott Ingram, 1100 Kearney Apt. 1, was arrested at 2:25 p.m. for probation violation. No bond was set.

Michael Anthony Gaeta, Chapman, Kan., was arrested at 7:29 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

TUESDAY

Andre Jarell McDonald, Kansas City, Kan., was arrested at 12:10 a.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, www.kstatecollegian.com.

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Alumna provides new look at old family photo albums

Tiara Williams | COLLEGIAN

Gail Gregg, artist and K-State alumna, is having a collection displayed at the Beach Museum of Art.

The display, The Album Series, is on exhibition in the Hyle Family Gallery of the museum until May 2.

The exhibition was put together with the help of Bill North, senior curator, and Martha Scott, business and marketing manager, upholding the museum's mission statement. According to the official Web site, the museum "collects, cares for and interprets the visual art of Kansas and the region."

Gregg has made art her whole life but it became her career in 1981, after initially starting with journalism in 1972. She writes for art magazines, paints, takes pictures and creates collages, all of which, including snippets of The Album Series, are viewable on her Web site, *Gailgregg.com*.

"Gregg has recycled pages from castoff scrapbooks and family photo albums she gathered from flea markets and other sources," Scott said. "She removed the photographs, and then using graphite or pastel, she put the ghost of an image where the photo was."

Made last year, Gregg said the piece is about memories and loss.



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

K-State alumna **Gail Gregg** displays her work from "The Album Series" at the Beach Museum of Art. The series displays empty vintage photo album pages to communicate an abstract message.

"It's a mourning piece," she said. North said after meeting her when her husband gave a Landon Lecture a few years back, he became interested in her artistic style. "I know artists in New York that she is good friends with and I have known her for some years now," North said. "I always try to keep tabs on artists in New York that have a connection to Kansas, like Gregg being a former student at K-State."
Gregg had been in contact with the director of the museum, Lorne Render, for five years, hoping to have her art dis-

five years, hoping to have her art displayed. The museum was expanded and the opportunity arose.

After going through the usual steps of meeting, making a studio visit, talking and developing a relationship, North and Gregg agreed to have an exhibition at the

Scott said Gregg's designs are interesting and that visitors will be able to connect and relate with the theme of family albums. Seeing Gregg's take on this common hobby may allow for others to reflect on their families and life events, Scott said.

The exhibition is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

On Thursday, Gregg will work with students from the art department at K-State. She plans to do critiques for seniors and teach a class on caustic painting.

Gregg is also scheduled to speak at the museum Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The event is titled, "Some Thoughts on Art, Memory and the Two Manhattans." Gregg's talk is about her different occupations: painter, photographer, teacher, writer, Kansas' effect on her and the displayed piece.

New provost has strong passion for land grant universities

Austin Enns | COLLEGIAN

The first female vice president of K-State, April Mason, was appointed as provost two months ago.

Before coming to K-State, Mason spent 20 years at Purdue University as a professor, then she worked her way up to a position as associate dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. After that she worked for five and a half years as the dean of the College of Applied Human Services at Colorado State University.

Essentially, the role of the provost at K-State is that of an academic director. Professors report to the deans of their colleges, and the deans report to Mason.

Kirk Schulz, president of K-State, said Mason's success at Purdue and Colorado State will continue while she is provost at K-State.

"April came highly recommended, not just by references, but when we called people at Colorado State or Purdue, where she was before, they said she

is a fantastic administrator, a great leader and a very credible individual," Schulz said. "When you start just randomly calling people and you are hearing those kinds of positive feedback, you know you've identified a quality individual."

Research has been important to Mason's work at previous universities, where she studied the availability of nutrients from plant products. Over a decade of that research was conducted in Costa Rica studying Costa Rican dried beans.

Mason said her experiences in research for land grant universities made her very aware and gave her a deep sense of belief in the mission of a land grant university. She also had a strong desire to ascend to K-State's highest academic post.

"I had constructed a career map in a leadership conference I had attended years ago and one of the goals involved becoming a provost," Mason said.

This passion for land grant universities and academia will be complemented by her leadership qualities. Mason said she is a good listener who is not afraid to make decisions and is interested in meeting new people.

John English, dean of the College of Engineering, said Mason was picked by a search committee as one of the four finalists for the job of provost.

"She has a very confident presence, and we feel very comfortable with her ability to maintain the range of our academic programs with a steady and kind hand," English said. "We felt students were very important to her and she was always going to keep all things academic focused on the students."

A national search was conducted for the position of provost, so Mason could not gain the job just by applying. Mason impressed the search committee enough, though, to hire her.

"The entire search committee, that was responsible for the whole process, is very excited about having her on campus," English said. "We believe she is going to be an incredible resource as provost here."



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Birds and the Bees

Parents need to play more active role in sex education



Although we love them dearly and appreciate them even in the most annoying circumstances, it's difficult to argue that many young adults don't have a completely open relationship with their parents. Maybe it's a generational gap or a difference in beliefs and ideas, but truth be told, it is just plain difficult to talk about certain things with mom and dad. I'm not sure how many of you readers listened to "the talk" during your adolescence or to what detail it was given, but recent studies are showing that the infamous parent-child sex chat is completely pointless. I think this needs to change.

Sex education is one of those subjects that I wish I could stress enough, because I personally believe that this is important at both the scholastic and parental level. However, since many schools do not have a comprehensive sex education program, parents need to step up, prepare for the worst, and get over the awkward silence that is sure to ensue during the discussion. A report from the Dec. 9, 2009 issue of Newsweek magazine stated that in a national survey, 40 percent of teenage boys and 46 percent of girls had already had sexual intercourse by the time their parents got around to talking to them about sex. In fact, onethird of high school students will lose their virginity by the time their freshman year is over.

The report went on to state that 40 percent of the time, the only way



parents handle the conversation is by telling their children to simply not have sex, and not by giving them information about how to safely practice intercourse. Considering that nearly half of the young adults were already sexually active at the time, telling them to only practice absti-

nence is a completely counterproductive waste of time.

Assuming that teenagers aren't go-

ing to figure out sex education, it

is like ignoring an elephant in the

room. No matter what an individu-

al family's morals or values dictate,

the fact of the matter is sex still happens, and without proper education, worse things besides the loss of one's virginity can happen, as well. It's time to stop acting like sex is an embarrassing and vague activity and start being proactive about the facts of life.

Since we already know that kids are figuring out what goes where in high school, what does this mean for college students? A study conducted by *Colleges.com* found that in a random sample taken across the United States, 66 percent of undergrad-

uate students have not only had sex, but are also in a regular, sexually active relationship.

Another issue that adds fuel to our hormone-happy fires is the popular college party stereotype. It is no secret that many colleges and universities are practically leaking with booze, Manhattan included. Case in point, we have an entire social district dedicated to two things: getting people drunk and getting people laid. This directly ties into the importance of sexual responsibility.

A research project conducted by the Medical College of Georgia found that nationally, 80 percent of college students are regular drinkers. Not only that, but among this majority, 81 percent have had sex at least once because they were intoxicated. What is even more frightening is the fact that alcohol also contributes to 60 percent of STD transmissions among students. By the time a young adult moves out of their parents' house and braves the exciting blur of college life, it is far too late to begin talking to them about making responsible decisions. I believe the more you know beforehand, the less likely you are to make a regrettable choice or wind up with a bad

I hope in time, parents will start talking to their children early about how to take care of both themselves and their partner if they choose to have sex, even if it does make both parties feel a little weird and squeamish at first. The importance of being open with adolescents is vital and the benefits of good sexual education will certainly be seen both statistically and subjectively for future generations.

Jillian Aramowicz is a sophomore in journalism and mass communications. Send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu

U.S. politicians should focus on drug war in Mexico



Eli B. Neal

Three days ago in Mexico City a group of heavily armed gangsters ran into a house party. The ensuing rain of fully automatic gunfire left 13 teenagers dead and 17 others wounded. Witnesses to the slaughter say they believe the victims were innocent civilians who were mistakenly targeted by one of the area's

Unfortunately, while a death toll of 13 innocent civilians in a single attack is disturbing, it is far from surprising in a country where more than 16,000 people have died as a result of drug related violence since 2007 according to the Los Angeles Times. In recent years, Mexico's numerous drug cartels have resorted to guerilla warfare in the battle for access to the U.S. drug markets. De-

spite the fact that these cartels get all of their money, power and weapons from the U.S., the Obama administration has shown little desire to address the issue.

Over the last several years, tightened border security has meant Mexican cartels have found it more difficult to transport drugs into the U.S. The increased difficulty of accessing the U.S. has led many of these organizations to use other mafia style methods to earn money, including extortion, countless robberies and murdering anyone who stands in their way. This paired with Mexican President Felipe Calderón actively fighting the cartels when previous administrations simply collected large amounts of money from them, has turned the streets of our southern neighbor into urban warfare. In Juarez, a city directly across the border from El Paso, Texas, 2,000 people died last year alone as a result of the violence according to Gaurd-

Recently, U.S. politicians have been forced to acknowledge the war in Mexico, as it has begun spilling across the border into U.S. towns. Violence has erupted in U.S. streets, and people have

even been kidnapped and taken back to Mexico and held ransom. The Obama administration has pledged \$700 million to Mexican law enforcement in their war against the drug cartels according to CNN. Unfortunately, this money will likely have little or no impact. Mexico's law enforcement agencies are among the most corrupt in the world; the cartels own as much of Mexico's police force as Mexico does. As a result, even while President Calderón actively fights to stop these cartels, half the law enforcement is fighting to protect them.

Even the former head of Mexico's drug enforcement agency has been charged with taking bribes from cartels. In such conditions it's likely as much of the U.S.'s money will be used to protect drug lords as will be used to fight them. If we are only willing to supply money without man power we might as well do nothing at all.

If there is one country in the world the U.S. should have troops in, it is Mexico. I don't normally advocate the U.S. military in foreign countries; in fact, I am almost universally against the idea. But when the U.S's actions directly cre-

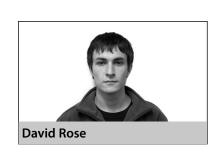
ate urban warfare in a neighboring country, it is sickening for the U.S. government not to take action.

The obvious reason many will argue we cannot militarily assist Mexico is our troops our already spread to thin.

The real question here though is how has the U.S. government allowed this to happen? How can we send a 40,000 troop surge to Afghanistan when just feet across our border a violent war is claiming four times as many lives a year as the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan, and it is being funded entirely with U.S. dollars? This is on top of the fact that no matter how hard we attempt to turn Iraq and Afghanistan into viable democracies, they will almost certainly revert back into dictatorships, and probably ones that hate America, within 25 years. If the Obama administration truly wished to create the kind of change he campaigned on, he would start fighting the war we have a moral obligation to fight, the one we created, the war at our doorsteps.

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Obama plays babysitter for Democrats, Republicans



Last Friday, President Barack Obama traveled to Baltimore to meet with Congressional Republicans to discuss politics. To the joy of pundits and political junkies everywhere, the speech and ensuing question-and-answer session were amazing.

Time and again, Republicans tried to use their questions to pin Obama down with politically loaded talking points, as any good politician would.

To the dismay of many Republicans however, Obama refused to stoop to partisanship and instead used the opportunity to put the record straight while seeking more bipartisan leadership.

This theme is a recurring one. Wherever Obama goes, he takes responsibility for mistakes and engages those who oppose him instead of merely pushing them aside. After all these years, we finally have an adult in the White House. The problem is: nobody knows what to do.

Congress has simply failed to adapt to the new leader-ship presented by Obama and his administration. On the left and on the right, our legislators continue to play tit-for-tat political games despite the many problems we face.

So, time and again, Obama ends up babysitting more than leading.

One might think the president's strategy of avoiding party politics might finally put an end to partisan bickering, but it appears that politicians on both sides of the aisle are unable to escape the decades of politics. Republicans seem absolutely flabbergasted that Obama actually took them up on some of their offers in the stimulus package and other bills.

Democrats were shocked, genuinely shocked, that Obama blamed them for their part of the partisanship in Congress. No one knows how to handle such a centrist president.

So instead, they paint him as a radical. For every step that Obama takes toward the center, the Republicans cry out against his socialist agenda. And in response, the Democrats snicker about the idiots on the right who offer no solutions. Thus begins a vicious cycle of partisanship.

Just looking at the facts, the United States is no closer to socialism now than when Reagan was in office. Furthermore, the Republicans have actually offered some decent ideas in both the stimulus package and the health care debate, some of which were adopted by the administration. But you would never guess that by the language coming from the left.

The rhetoric coming from both parties is both untrue and irresponsible. As Obama said in the conference with Republicans, partisan fighting only makes bipartisanship impossible.

When a senator or representative convinces his or her constituents that Obama is an evil communist, voting in favor of any of Obama's proposals becomes political suicide.

But while we have calls by both parties for more bipartisan cooperation, neither is willing to

lay down their political guns.

Although partisanship is nothing new to our political system, we need now more than ever to rid ourselves of it. With so many important issues facing our nation, including two wars, an ailing economy, a broken health care system and not to mention Wall Street gone wild, we need all of our politicians to partake in healthy and constructive debate. Politics as usual achieves just the opposite.

Instead of being the leader that America so richly deserves, Obama has to babysit these toddlers in office, keeping them from hitting one another with his one hand while trying to fix the economy and everything else with the other.

This might have worked in the past, and may continue to work for a while to come, but eventually Congress needs to learn to walk. Our future may depend on it.

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Quotable quote: "In the long run, we're all dead."

- John Maynard Keynes

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Nutter's Midweek Musings



Wednesday conundrums while the No. 10 Wildcats enjoy a big bounceback win over the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

- · I know last night's win in Lincoln, Neb., won't exactly help pad K-State's NCAA Tournament resumé next month, but a win like that was exactly what the Wildcats needed after the heartbreaker against
- I always knew Nebraska wasn't much of a basketball school, but the atmosphere in the Devaney Center was a little pathetic. Fans were pouring out of the building with almost 10 minutes left in the game. Only seven months until football season, I guess.
- Even from the winning team's side, it didn't feel like a 19-point victory. That may have been the most uneventful blowout I've ever seen.
- · Nonetheless, a conference road win is still a conference road win. Snapping a three-game losing streak in Lincoln doesn't hurt, either.
- · OK, enough about yesterday. I know it may be old news at this point, but there are a few things about last weekend's Sunflower Showdown that I'd like to share.
- Let's take a look at some of the numbers. Jayhawk center Cole Aldrich was whistled for his fourth foul with 7:28 remaining in regulation. The game went into overtime. Aldrich didn't foul out.
- I'm far from being considered a basketball expert, but how does a player - let alone a center in the Big 12 Conference – get called for fouls four times in under 34 minutes, then never again in over 12 minutes?
- · Last year in Manhattan, he picked up his first - that's right, first - foul of the game with 31 seconds left. He played 36 minutes in that game. In that time span, Darren Kent fouled out, Ron Anderson picked up four fouls and Luis Colon two. All three matched up against Aldrich in the
- paint. · Here's another fun stat for you: Aldrich has received four fouls 13 times in his collegiate career. Care to take a stab at how many times he's been whistled for a fifth? Zero. Not even once. Don't get me wrong. Frank Martin labeled Aldrich the best center in college basketball and I have to agree, but I find that number a little hard to believe.
- · KU guard Sherron Collins has never fouled out of a game either, for that matter. But I'll save that topic for some other time. I would, however, like to give my two cents on his late game heroics last weekend.
- · A quick recap for those of you who didn't see: With KU up by a point, Collins drove to the basket, was fouled by Wally Judge and connected on a circus shot with 9.2 seconds left.
- I'm not here to dispute the shot. Very few players in the country could come up that big so late in a game. But the call on Judge was one of the more questionable fouls I've seen in quite a while.
- Don't believe me? Log onto YouTube and search for "Sherron Collins overtime shot." It looks to me like the only contact was Collins pushing off. But what do I know? I'm just a sports writer.

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Creamed Corn

Wildcats rout Huskers for key road win

Grant Guggisberg | COLLEGIAN

LINCOLN, Neb. - Denis Clemente scored a game-high 23 points on 5-of-9 three-point shooting to lead a balanced scoring effort from the Wildcats in a lopsided 76-57 road victory Tuesday night.

The win was the first in Lincoln for the Wildcats in three seasons, with last year's meeting a double-digit loss, 73-51. Until Tuesday, coach Frank Martin and seniors Chris Merriewether and Luis Colon had never won at the Devaney Center. Other than a 7-0 run at the beginning of the second half to cut the Wildcat lead to seven, this one was never in doubt.

"We finally won in this building," said sophomore forward Jamar Samuels. "Chris [Merriewether] told me he had never won here in four years, him and Luis [Colon]. I told him, 'We'll get 'em this game,' and that's what we did tonight."

Martin was quick to praise the big showing by Clemente, but also credited the defense for limiting Nebraska offensively.

"This team's been pretty good defensively all year," Martin said. "But I thought defensively today, we were solid on our rotations, we were solid on our positioning, which pushed Nebraska further out on the floor and disrupted their offensive flow."

After losing Saturday to Kansas, the Wildcats put extra emphasis on bouncing back against a Nebraska team currently dead last in the conference standings.

"Everbody after that game was upset, because we felt we should have won that game," Samuels said. "But we can't win every one, so we came in and won this one."

Martin echoed Samuels' sentiment, saying that you can not attach yourself emotional to a tough loss or a big win.

'The Nebraska game was not going to be moved whether or not we won the Kansas game," he said. "Our guys came in the last two days and they were tremendous. They were focused and excited to play another game."

Besides Clemente's 23 points, the Wildcats had three other players in double figures. Samuels had 13 first-half points and finished with 15, while coming up one rebound short of a double-double. Junior guard Jacob Pullen had 13 points and junior forward Curtis Kelly finished with 12.

Leading the way for the Huskers was Jorge Brian Diaz and Ryan Anderson, who finished with 13 and 10 points respectively. No other players scored in double figures in what Nebraska head coach Doc Sadler called an error-filled game from start to finish.

'I've not seen that basketball team," he said. "I didn't recognize it because that's not us. We have been a tremendous team defensively, but they made us make mistakes that are as basic as it gets."



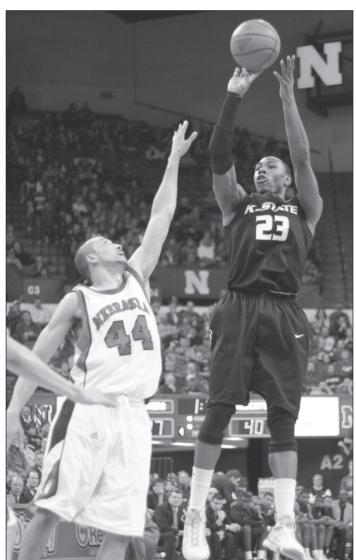
The first half remained close until the 14-minute mark, when the Wildcats went on a 9-2 run fueled by five straight points by Clemente. The run gave K-State a 14-7 lead. From there, the Wildcats slowly extended their lead behind the strong play of Clemente and Samuels. They led 42-28 at halftime. Sadler said his team got behind early in the first half by missing easy baskets and poor defense.

"I think we had it charted as seven layups that were missed," Sadler said. "The defensive end was horrendous and it was a selfish, selfish basketball team on the defensive end tonight."

Despite the poor play by the Huskers, the team started the second half with a 7-0 run to cut into K-State's halftime lead. Martin called timeout, and the Wildcats began to rebuild their lead. By the 12-minute mark, they had it back up to 16 behind Clemente's hot shooting. From there, the Wildcats led comfortably, sitting in a zone defense and executing an efficient offense.

The Wildcats have another road test Saturday against the Iowa State Cyclones. Tipoff for that game is scheduled for

1 p.m. Notes: The win Tuesday was the largest margin of victory in Lincoln since Feb. 3, 1973. K-State's 19-point victory was the largest Wildcat margin of victory in a road game since the inception of the Big 12 Conference in 1996. The previous high was 16 against Colorado



Photos by Tommy Theis | COLLEGIAN

Top: Senior guard Denis Clemente pushes the ball up the court during the first half of the game against Nebraska Tuesday night. Above: Junior forward Dominique Sutton shoots against Ryan Anderson, senior guard for Nebraska, Tuesday night in Lincoln, Neb.

Wildcats play host to ranked Baylor Bears



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

K-State sophomore forward Jalana Childs shoots over lowa State freshman center Anna Prins during the first half of the game in Bramlage Coliseum Sunday.

Sam Nearhood | COLLEGIAN

The Wildcats just put an end to their grim losing streak with an upset over a ranked team last weekend, but now the stakes are even higher.

K-State (11-9, 6-4 Big 12 Conference) will look to continue its success against nationally prominent teams as it faces No. 15 Baylor (15-5,

2-4) tonight in Manhattan. K-State held a stretch of six consecutive wins but lost three in a row to taint its strong start in conference play. However, a tenacious showing against Iowa State last weekend marked a potential turning point in K-State's season with a resurgence of its strong play.

Across the court, the Bears started the new year with a 13-game winning streak in their books, but they have also fallen from glory since, accumulating four losses in six games, all in the Big 12 Conference. Baylor will come to Manhattan after an away loss at Texas last weekend.

In the history of matchups between the two teams, Baylor edges out K-State 12-9, including a perfect set of wins for the last five years.

Both teams hold claims to

leading players. For K-State, Ashley Sweat, senior forward, hit a high point in her season last weekend with a game-high 31 points, raising her average per game to 18.1, the fifth highest in the conference. Sweat's shooting consistency is also praised throughout the league, with rankings in field-goal, three-point and free-throw percentages.

However, Sweat's ranking in points per game is overshadowed by Baylor's freshman post presence, Brittney Griner.

Griner, the nation's top recruit who dunked the ball at least once a game in high school, currently holds fourth place in points per game with 18.8, including a handful of other standings in shooting percentages, rebounds and blocks. The last one may be the most spectacular; Griner, who stands at 6'8", is averaging 5.7 blocks per game, the second highest in the nation.

Junior guard Kelli Griffin has proved to be a reliable secondary player. She has recorded 4.55 assists per game, enough for sixth place in the conference, alongside decent numbers in shooting percent-

ages and rebounds. Tipoff is set for 7 tonight in Bramlage Coliseum. Fans unable to attend the game can watch through the K-State Sports Network

Westport Commons faces drainage issues, detention basins considered

Lauren Garrison | COLLEGIAN

Monday evening, the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board met to discuss updates to the proposed Westport Commons plans. The meeting began at 7 p.m., but lasted until after 9 p.m. due to the public input.

The board started off the meeting by listening to the rezoning proposition for construction at the corner of Browning Avenue and Dickens Avenue, known as Westport Commons. The area was once going to be a residential area, but now it is designed to be a commercial and professional business area.

According to the plans shown to the board, the proposal is for the board to allow the six buildings to house professional business offices, such as doctors, dentists and the like. It is also intended in the plan that one of the buildings will have some commercial business, like a barbershop or salon.

The project will begin at the south end of the area, where three of the buildings will be located. Just north of the buildings and the connecting parking area, the plan proposes a large detention basin to redirect the flow of drainage water through that area.

Detention basins, also known as detention ponds, are a stormwater management facility designed to protect the surrounding areas against flooding or downstream erosion. The detention basin at Westport Commons would have the ability to hold about 150 acres of water, and would be designed to slowly drain the water out of the area.

North of the detention basin and the drainage system are the three remaining buildings which would reside close to the street corner of Browning Avenue and Dickens Avenue. Each building will be 25 feet high and will be made of brick and limestone, but they will vary in size.

Overall, the entire site of Westport Commons covers about 10 acres.

It was proposed in the plan that the detention basin area would be lowered a full 6 to 7 feet into the ground, and the drainage channel will be built on an already existing pipeline through the area. However, the channel would be enlarged in width and lined with concrete.

The board members had several concerns in relation to the drainage system and the detention basin. Their concern stemmed from the presense of residences lining the site just across the proposed drainage channel.

"Aren't there going to be pockets of standing water?" asked Linda Morse, board

member

She said she lives with a similar drainage problem by her home, and was concerned for the residents living near the detention

However, many citizens stood up and spoke to the board, expressing different concerns and praising the design of the drainage system. Schultz Construction, a local construction company owned by Tim Schultz, is the company that is working on the project.

Schultz Construction has built several residential and commercial business areas around Riley County, including Kite's Grille & Bar, Collegiate Villas and the K-State indoor practice field.

"Schultz is a heck of a good builder," said William Reynolds, Manhattan resident, who lives near the site. "I have confidence that Schultz will do a good job on it."

Mark Bachamp, one of the speakers for Westport Commons LLC, answered many of the board's questions regarding the detention basin and drainage system.

He said the new drainage system will benefit people who live both upstream and downstream because the whole area will be lowered, and the cement-lined drainage channel would effectively redirect the water without overflowing the residences to the south or to the west of the site with water.

"I truly believe that when we are done here, it will flush," Schultz said. "It's going to have some sediment during construction... but I believe it will flush."

Several other problems arose during the public hearing, including that the planned commercial businesses would be located across the street from Marlatt Elementary School.

Stephanie Rolley, board member, said she didn't approve of there being a commercial business, like a hair salon, in that area because of the children who will be passing by the building daily.

Another issue brought against the plans was the use of 7-foot signs which may cause traffic problems at the corner of Browning Avenue and Dickens Avenue, an intersection with a history of traffic accidents.

Though there were several issues with the proposed plans, the board decided to move forward as long as the issues and concerns brought before the construction company are answered during the following meeting.

The next board meeting will be Feb. 18 in the City Commission Room at City Hall, located at 1101 Poyntz Ave. Citizens are encouraged to attend all meetings.

Student opens Chinese grocery

Tiara Williams | COLLEGIAN

Leaving your home is difficult. But leaving the only country you know to move across an ocean is even harder.

Don Hao, K-State student, has been here for two years, and during this time, he found a common struggle among his people: finding Chinese food.

"They want traditional food and Manhattan doesn't have it," Hao said.

Because of this, Hao thought of an idea: to open up a store, mainly for K-State students, selling the kinds of items desired.

Russ Wolters, Hao's friend, was there in the beginning and continues to support Hao.

"I encouraged him to do it, but it was all Don's thoughts and plans," Wolters said. "It just sounded like a good idea and after a year of talking about it, it's cool to see it really happen."

The store opened on Jan. 30. Hao has many foods Chinese students love, Wolters said.

Located at 715 N. 12th Street, off 12th and Bluemont Ave, Chinese Grocery LLC is "the new one stop shop." In addition to Chinese food, which adheres to the longing for a home-cooked meal, the store has American food, because Asian students like to eat snacks and junk food, and it also draws American students to something they are familiar with.

Linda Seng, store manager, applied after arriving in Fort Riley where her husband has been stationed since July of 2009.

"I have two kids and I just can't stay at home," Seng said. "I am more of a go-getting type of person."

Eventually, Hao plans to hire more

employees, but now the two are functioning alone.

"We work with Chinese students. We make lists and write down what they like, dislike and we are always open to suggestions," Seng said.

Chinese Grocery Store LLC aims for all students, gradually bringing in American foods. It mainly has Asian products such as bubble tea, noodles, drinks, snacks, frozen food and sauces, carrying both name brands and off-brands.

Hao and Seng are waiting on their food retail license still so they can add vegetables and different types of food. The building that houses this grocery store has another room connected to the main shop which will be ready in a few weeks.

"I'm lucky I found this place," Hao

He saw another property prior to this one and called the management company. They said the place he is now renting would be more suitable for a grocery store

"They were right. Business so far is doing well," Seng said. "We are expecting it to pick up as soon as the second room is open. Just the lacking of vegetables, but once that is in, business will start booming."

All food is shipped from distributors through a third party. They cannot ship from China because the FDA has to inspect it, therefore disapproving of their going to the source themselves. Everything in Chinese Grocery LCC is FDA approved.

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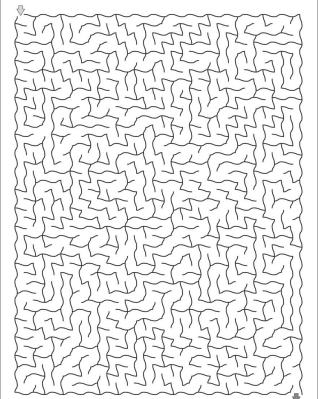




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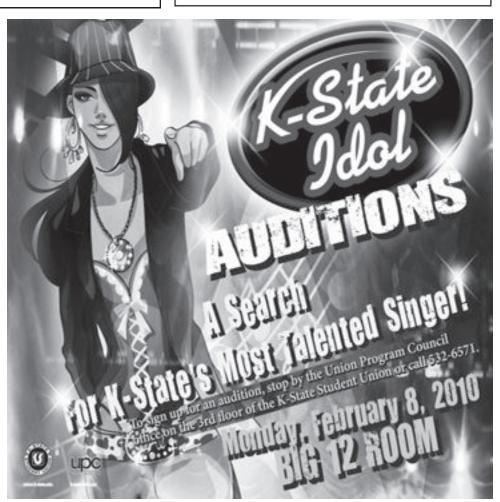
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SGA | 'Election Armageddon' considered possible outcome

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that senator Weston filed a petition. The student tribunal held a hearing and that the tribunal ruled on the constitutionality of bills five and 13 until after break, Henry said.

"This is where things get tough be-

cause we don't deal with this on a reg-ular basis," Henry said. "I think the tribunal had a responsibility to notify Amy and myself that they were going to have a hearing."

According to Article VI Section 8.B of the By-laws, "the board shall notify both the respondent and complaintant." The notification letlisted Weston Tank and the board members as being notified.

According to Article VI Section 5.A.4

, it is the duty of the attorney general to "advise students on matters of judicial policy."

Tank did not pass the information on to Henry or Schultz.

Schultz and Tank said the failure of her notification fell on "the chancellor of the student tribunal" – Catelyn Kostbar. Weston disagreed.

"The judicial branch is not supposed to discuss their decisions outside of the official opinions they give, the attorney

general is expected to keep everyone informed," he said. "[Tank] received the letter. This was his responsibility."

Six weeks went by before the issue was officially brought up to the senate. Henry said although he has yet to hear official word of the ruling, he has been forwarded e-mail traffic and re-

ceived a photocopy of the student tribunal's decision. The miscommunication stemming from this situation has Henry actively seeking solutions to avoid a similar problem in the future.

"This is something that happens so infrequently that I don't think there is a conscious effort to hide something here or to be sneaky," Henry said. "It's just that we're new at this and during my time in SGA nothing like this has

ever happened?

Senator George Weston

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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This Thursday Kostbar will make a rare appearance before the SGA to speak to students and answer questions on the tribunal's decision. Henry said he expects Kostbar to first let SGA know the official ruling of the tribunal and to know what rules the senate will be operating under.

"Technically, the way I see it, the tribunal made a decision, the changes were unconstitutional," Shane said.

"We go back to the old rules."

Henry said one option is for the tribunal to "stay" their opinion - meaning the unconstitutional ruling would not take affect until after the election this year. For senators like Weston they view this decision as opening a floodgate of challenges to the new system.

According to Article VI, Section 9.A of the SGA By-laws, any appeals to the tribunal's decision needed to be filed through the SGA attorney general within three class days after receiving written notification of the ruling.

"If there is a decision to hold off it is pretty much election Armageddon, where they have the election and then the tribunal meets afterward and decides," Weston said. "What happens when they say it is unconstitutional like the letter says? Then we just had an unconstitutional election and every campaign will be free to challenge it.'

Weston feels the ruling was made correctly and the bill should be reworked so as to not violate the constitution or to make attempts to amend the constitution.

Weston said campaigns for Student Body President are registering under the new guidelines, which include the parts of the bills ruled unconstitution-

Amy Schultz declined to comment on the guidelines being followed until after the SGA meeting on Thursday.

"The ruling was made a month and a half ago, during break, so no one had school," Weston said. "This could have been worked out. They don't want to work it out though; they want more control for fewer people."

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Wristwatch valued at \$1,500 stolen

Hannah Blick | COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan man reported several items, valued at \$1,660, stolen from his home this weekend, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

The incident occurred sometime between 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1 a.m. on Sunday, said RCPD Lt. Herbert Crosby. Kaylen The victim,

\$170, Crosby said. According to the report, an unknown suspect or suspects entered Everhart's unlocked room and took the items. No arrests have been made in the

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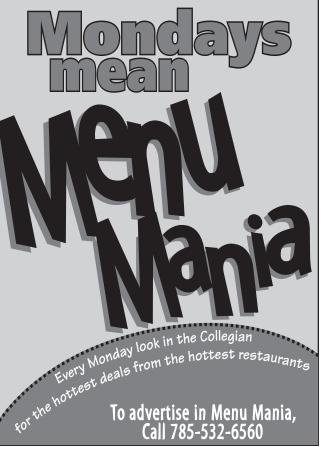
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CITY | Interlocal agreement reached for highway maintenance

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said the department would cooperate on whatever decision the commission

The second item on the agenda was in regard to the interlocal agreement for the US-24 Corridor Management Plan. The agreement would be a collaborative effort between Pottawatomie County, Manhattan, St. George, Wamego and the Kansas Department of Transportation, to keep up maintenance on Highway 24 between Manhattan and Wamego.

The agreement was presented by Buck Griggs, the representative for HWS Consulting Group Inc., and the city commission quickly decided unanimously to adopt the agree-

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The Mad Hatter's very merry unbirthday



People often tell you it's the little things that matter; the subtleties. Ask any guy my age and they'll tell you: there's nothing more frustrating than watching someone walk through "Super Mario."

We were celebrating her fake birthday that night at midnight but before the twelfth stroke, we decided to have some wine and play a little "Super Mario 3." We had played several times before, but it was then and there that I saw not only did she know there was a run button in Mario, but she was utilizing the hell out of it. And much like Mary Poppins, I decided she was practically perfect.

Shortly after midnight the balloons dropped via a little crafty engineering on my part and she ran to my room to rip through her presents; literally, rip. You should have seen the wrap job I did on these guys. The four or five in the striped pajamas I had aligned perfectly so as the paper came around on the ends, the lines formed a perfect square. Stroke of genius.

She didn't notice. Fighting her way through the bog of balloons she managed to find all eight gifts strewn about, plus the couple unwrapped ones that Urban Outfitters mucked up. I asked for a black dress and I got some "off the rack, lime green af-

You should've seen this girl's face wade through the emotions of anticipation, confusion and finally elation. She's the prettiest I know and her child-like nature cracks me up. Maybe it was just the wine, but seeing the low light reflect through her lovely, hazel eyes as she squinted them in smiles I finally realized what I wanted to do with the rest of my life ... this. Just this. Celebrate her fake birthday over and over and over,

She asks me from time to time. "Why are you so nice to me?" "If you knew yourself, you'd know."

I answered that once before. Though now when she asks, since I've been on a Belle and Sebastian kick I can't help but sing to myself, "You're worth the trouble, and you're worth the pain. You are worth the worry, I would do the same. If we all went back to another time I will love you over."

She said it took half an hour, but really she swept through those presents in 11 minutes. I was counting. The wine was gone by then, swallowed by us two and mostly by the carpet. Hello, Resolve. No idea why I have some, but it worked.

As the night came to a close, for what reason I know not, she decided it was time for her to leave. The night was calm and it was 1:30 a.m., and I was saying goodbye. The cold concrete felt warm in my new red plaid slippers as I waved from the street.

I saw the moon looking at me and I smiled back. Together we shut the door on each other and I went back to my room. I looked around at the wet carpet, the 119 balloons strewn about my empty apartment room and a sheet hanging from my ceiling (the sheet, of course, stayed; no reason not to have more balloon drops I figure). The odd thing was, and I'm not fooling at all, when I came back into my room from the cold outside, Belle and Sebastian was playing again on my computer, but this time a different tune: "Get Me Away from Here, I'm Dying."

I shut my computer and fell

A very merry unbirthday.

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Dog Gone

Furry friend in first class

Caitlyn Mason | COLLEGIAN

As I drive around in my convertible on a hot summer day with the wind blowing through my hair, I look to my passenger seat and smile as my soulmate hangs his head out of the car and seemingly smiles into the wind.

My soulmate happens to be a 3-yearold Rottweiler, Pit bull and Lab mix named Tyson. I adopted him from the Riley County Humane Society over two years ago when he was only 9 months old. Since day one I have taken him everywhere with me, even accompanying me to class a number of times.

I made the decision to become a dog owner on a whim. I realized only after the fact that traveling with a pet can become quite the ordeal, especially when you live eleven hours away in a small town in northern Illinois.

When my first break as an owner rolled around, I was faced with a dilemma that many pet owners experience. I had to decide what I was going to do

One option for a pet owner is leaving their pet at a local boarding kennel. Web sites like Dogboarding.com and Petcareservices.org are a great resource for any-

one looking to board their pet.

Dogboarding is a free Web site that offers a search engine to locate dog kennels in every state, even the smaller towns. Visitors to the Web site can leave feedback about their experience with the fa-

Pet Care Services Association offers a number of good resources that can answer any question a pet owner might have about boarding kennels. The Web site has a downloadable booklet that guides the reader through the stages of selecting a kennel.

The booklet also contains the owner's "Bill of Rights" when boarding their pet. It informs owners what to look for in a kennel. It warns against leaving a pet with a neighbor, or anyone else, that isn't a trained professional.

When leaving the pet at a kennel is not an option, many people choose to fly with their pet. A majority of airlines will allow pets to travel either in the cargo or baggage section. Some airlines will also allow animals in the cabin but with a number of restrictions.

The Web site *Animaltransporters.com* is devoted to making air travel easier



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for pet owners. Animal Transporters offers a shipping service for pets. The Web site offers a drop-off and pick-up service as well to ensure that pets are well taken care of throughout the entire journey.

Another useful Web site, Petflight.com, is designed to find flights for pets and owners together. It also offers a review of every airline and has a list of every incident report involving pets from each air-

Due to the prices of flying, my personal choice is to drive home with Tyson. When driving with a pet there are numerous factors to consider. The Web site Petsonthego.com offers tips for owners choosing to travel with their pet.

The Web site offers a search feature that locates the nearest pet friendly hotels. It also has tips for traveling with a pet that include pet etiquette and a bro-chure to help owners decipher whether or not traveling with their pet is appropriate.

When deciding how to travel with a pet, owners have access to numerous great sources via the web. There are also resources such as the Better Business Bureau that will have a record of any complaints against a company.

While driving the eleven hours home, it is nice to have my trusted companion by my side. Although he doesn't help drive or offer any gas money, he makes the trips easier on me. I know I can always roll that window down and laugh as my dog tries to get his head as far out the window as possible and smiles into the wind. Thats all I need to make my trip all that much better.

STREET TALK

Do you travel with your pets?



"I don't have a pet."

Danielle Tenconi GRADUATE



if you're trying to hide them and driving to a friend's house? Sherridan Franklin SOPHOMORE,

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"No, my dogs are too big to travel with."

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Cast of 'Big Love' logs many hours for rehearsal

Maura Wery | COLLEGIAN

Laura Lindsay, stage director of the play "Big Love", looks out to a crowd of about 20 students who are going to be doing the technical work for the play which opens Thursday. The crowd and cast echoes back laughs in approval after she makes the statement, "Remember, technical work is fun!" The cast consists of over 30 students who have put in about 40 hours a week of rehearsal time.

"We started with a few meetings and early rehearsals around the end of last semester," said Ryan Bruce, graduate student in theater. Bruce will be playing the character of Nikos. "We started rehearing five days a week around Jan. 4, before we started having classes. A show like this is fun to do and fun to rehearse."

'Lydia follows her heart like

no one I've ever met, she is a really understanding person and has her head on straight, and is passionate about everything and I really admire her," said Lisa Erbe, senior in theater who plays Lydia. "At first when you play a character you just kind of admire them but as time goes on you really begin to resonate, understand and grow with that character".

The cast of the show is out to show that love and dedication can go a long way and why Big Love" is such a big deal.

The play is a modern social commentary on gender, marriage, politics, society and war. Three sisters seek protection in Italy after fleeing on their wedding day to keep from being married to their cousins. As the play progresses, the jilted cousins fly in on a helicopter wearing aviator sunglasses and blazers dancing to Beyoncé's "Single Ladies," singing impromptu Beatles songs and posing questions such as "Why can't a man be more like a woman?'

Meredith Lindsey, senior in theater and mass communications, plays the outspoken Thyona. Lindsey said it was not

hard to get into character. "Thyona - she's very opin-ionated and very high strung but she also is very concerned about her sisters," Lindsey said. "She is a protector and wants to do what's best for them. She wants choice; she is a modern woman. When I tried out, I knew Thyona was going to be very opinionated but at the same time, Kate and I had a long conversation about her softer side and how that had to come out and that she couldn't be angry all the time, but she is like me in many ways."

For many of the cast members being in theatre and being a college student is hard, but worth it. They describe it as a sacrifice they are willing to deal with.

"I love it. I've been doing theater since I was a freshman," said Dillon Artzer, junior in theater playing Oed (pronounced "Ed"). "I've been in a show every semester. It's class in the morning, work in the afternoon, then a show at night, then go home and do my homework".

Erbe, Bruce and Lindsey share the same sentiments as Artzer: It takes a lot of time management to be in a show and school at the same time.

"Big Love" opens on Feb. 4-6 and 10-13. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$11 for seniors and military and \$13 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased at the McCain Box Office weekdays from 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or the K-State Student Union box office Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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